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FOR RPO VIENNA, FOR RPO LONDON

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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS): PERFORMING  
ARTISTS FOR ART EXHIBITS

WITH REGARD TO MUSICAL ATTRACTION DESIRED IN CONNECTION  
WITH APRIL RAUSCHENBERG AND DE KOONING EXHIBITS WHICH  
DISCUSSED DURING CU/ARTS DIRECTOR'S VISIT TO POLAND,  
EMB MAY WISH CONSIDER FOLLOWING ARTISTS:

1. PIANIST SUSAN STARR EVALUATED AS EXCELLENT (A-) AVAILABLE  
APRIL 13-14 AND POSSIBLY 16-17 FROM ANTWERP OR AMSTERDAM  
FOR DOLS 500 PER RECITAL PLUS PER DIEM AND AIR TRAVEL  
FOR TWO. HUSBAND/MANAGER ROBERT ARROWN TRAVELING WITH  
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STARR WHO HAS PERFORMED SUCCESSFULLY UNDER USIS AUSPICES  
IN ARA AND EA AND PERFORMED AT WHITE HOUSE LAST FALL.

2. PIANIST DAVID ARDEN EVALUATED AS VERY GOOD (B )  
RESIDING IN ANTWERP AND AVAILABLE FOR DOLS 300 PLUS TRAVEL  
AND PER DIEM. ARDEN CAN BE REACHED THROUGH CONGEN ANTWERP.

3. BOTH STARR AND ARDEN HAVE AMERICAN WORKS IN REPERTOIRE.

4. MICHAEL AND NANCY UDOW PERCUSSIONIST/DANCE DUO RESIDING AT DARTINGTON HALL, TOTNES, DEVON ENGLAND RECENTLY EVALUATED AS EXCELLENT (A-) BUT DESCRIBED AS MOST SUITABLE FOR SOPHISTICATED AUDIENCE GIVEN THE AVANT GARDE NATURE OF THEIR WORK. UDOWS CAN BE REACHED THROUGH EMB. LONDON. CU/ARTS BELIEVE THEY WILLING PERFORM FOR MODEST HONORARIUM PLUS PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES. PERHAPS LONDON CAN ALSO PROVIDE DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM. PROGRAM REVIEWED BY PANEL MEMBERS CONSISTED OF PERCUSSION/DANCE DUETS, SOLO WORKS AND THEATER PIECES IN WHICH BOTH PARTICIPATED WITH TAPES AS BACKGROUND. BOTH DESCRIBED AS "OUTGOING AND COMMUNICATIVE, KNOW THEIR ART-AREA AND DO NOT SEEM TO BE GROPING IN AN UNKNOWN FIELD". DUO PERFORMED AT DRAGON CENTER PARIS OCTOBER 20, 1977.

5. ADVISE ASAP WHETHER EMB INTERESTED IN ANY OF ABOVE ARTISTS AND EXTENT OF SUPPORT ABLE FURNISH. EMB SUPPORT MAY BE SUPPLEMENTED BY MODEST FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM CU/ARTS.

6. PERHAPS RPO LONDON AND VIENNA WOULD ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS RE AMERICAN ARTISTS RESIDING ABROAD. CHRISTOPHER

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